## RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 134

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2017 AS FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH.

WHEREAS, the Florida Native Plant Society began in the summer of 1980 in Winter Park, Florida, by a group of scientists, educators, and conservationists concerned about the loss of Florida's native plants and the introduction of non-native species overtaking natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Society now consists of 37 chapters and 3,950 members from all walks of life who volunteer their time, knowledge, and skills in public workshops, participating in Land Management Reviews, restoration projects, workdays and teaching Floridians about the many benefits of native plants; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has an incredible wealth of natural areas to showcase Florida's native plants and native plant communities; and

WHEREAS, the Ixia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society has members who participate in activities that benefit the citizens and environment of Nassau County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of

Nassau County, Florida, this \_\_25th \_\_day of \_September \_\_\_, 2017 that:

- 1. The month of October 2017 is hereby proclaimed as *Florida Native Plant Month* in Nassau County, Florida.
- 2. The Board hereby urges all citizens to familiarize themselves with the dangers related to invasive species and their impact on our natural resources.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

ANIEL B. LEEPER

Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

Approved as to form by the Massau County Attorney:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

MICHAEL S. MULLIN